	1998(P)		1999(P)		2000(P)	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
Delhi	2	607	—	—	—	—
Daman & Diu	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	..	..
Pondicherry	21	510	5	91	17	256
GRAND TOTAL	175	13386	159	15707	91	4461

A=Number of units closed
B=Number of workers affected
—=Nil
..=Not available
(P)=Provisional
SOURCE: Labour Bureau, Shimla

Global march against the child labour

4487. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report of the global march against child labour released recently revealing pathetic situation of child labour in the country;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction with regard thereto;

(c) what are the various programmes carried out by Government to solve the problem of child labour in the country stating the achievements made in this regard and the reasons identified for unsatisfactory performance of the programmes; and

(d) what strategy is contemplated by Government to tackle the growing problem of child labour in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Government is not aware of such a report.

(c) and (d) The National Policy on Child Labour contains an action plan for withdrawing children from work and rehabilitating them.

In accordance therewith, Government of India has been implementing two schemes for the welfare and rehabilitation of child

labourcres namely, the Schemes of National Child Labour Projects (NCLP) and the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations. So far 100 child labour projects have been sanctioned in 13 states for the benefit of about 2.13 lakh children withdrawn from work. Awareness Generation activities are also being taken up by the Project Societies at the district level. Evaluation and inspection reports received indicates that the performance of the programmes is satisfactory.

Government is committed to the goal of eradication of child labour in all its forms. Considering the nature and magnitude of the problem, a gradual and sequential approach has been adopted to withdraw and rehabilitate child labourers, beginning with children working in hazardous occupation.

Inclusion of terms and conditions of second labour commission

†4488. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether recommendations of the First Labour Commission have been included in the terms of reference of Second Labour Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the priorities, conceptions and terms of reference of the Second Labour Commission have been determined; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The terms of reference of the First National Commission on Labour set up in December, 1966 were so formulated that they had a direct bearing on the working and living conditions of labour, changes which had taken place since independence, the extent to which constitutional and legal provisions had contributed to the workers' earnings, standard of

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.